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EASTERN ORTHODOX PATRIARCH OF ALEXANDRIA DIES. His Beatitude, Christopher II, 'Pope and Patriarch of the Great City of Alexandria, Lybia, Pentapolis, Ethiopia, and of the Land of Egypt, Father of Fathers, Pastor of Pastors, Thirteenth Apostle and Ecumenical Judge', passed away suddenly, at the age of 85. At his age, he was the senior hierarch among the Patriarchs of Eastern Orthodoxy. The Ecumenical Patriarch, Athenagoras, now assumes that role and honor.

His Beatitude had held the Seat of Alexandria since 1939; the Patriarchate, itself, is the second-ranking in precedence, among the Patriarchates. The city of Alexandria has a Greek Orthodox population of some 75,000; they are mainly the shop-owners and merchant class of the City. The entire Orthodox population of the entire jurisdiction, however, is close to 140,000.

At Alexandria, the Patriarchate maintains a world-renowned Patriarchal Library, which houses the world's largest collection of papyrus and parchment manuscripts, many of them dating from Ante-Nicene days. An Institute of Eastern Studies is also fostered there. During his last ten years, Christopher (continued on page 23)

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AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE CHURCH

FOREIGN

GREEK METROPOLITAN WARNS THAT CHRISTIANITY IS LOSING AFRICA. In an address, delivered in London, Canada, Metropolitan Athenagoras issued a warning that Africa is being lost to Christianity, because it stands divided. He said that he hoped Christians would achieve unity, even if union were physically impossible.

The prelate, who was only recently designated as Metropolitan of Canada for the Greek Orthodox Church, has been making a tour of his new jurisdiction; formerly, he was Bishop of New England.

- In line with the warning of the Metropolitan, it must be noted that one of the chief reasons for the potential loss of Africa to Christianity is the advance of Islam. For instance, the U.A.R. is pressing hard, via a 'Voice of Islam' message, to gain African ears with the argument that 'Christianity is European..Western....imperialistic'. In addition, a great, new, mission spirit has developed among the Islam leaders; mission centers, for instance, have been established in the U.S., Canada, Geneva(Switzerland), and in the Philippines. The teachings are being dispensed in the native tongues of each of these areas among converts; in the Philippines, for example, there are now over one million Muslims in the southern area alone. From the Sudan, also, reports have come that a large number of tribal chiefs in the Yambio region have embraced Islam. - ED.

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U.S. CLERGYMAN ISSUES PLEA ON AFRICAN POLYGAMY. Christian groups in Africa should cease the practice of forbidding church membership and communion to men and women who practice polygamy, according to Rev. Chester L. Marcus. Rev.Marcus, an American Negro minister of the United Church of Christ, recently spent time in Africa, where he found that African churches were rapidly losing converts to Islam, by banning the sacraments to men with more than one wife, or wives with more than one husband.

Mr.Marcus explained that polygamy, to Africans, is a way to 'social security'; by this, he meant that if a man dies, the brother takes care of the widow and children; in other instances, he said, it is a matter of economics, in which one wife means one acre of land tilled, with two wives meaning two acres tilled.

- In old testament days, of course, more than one wife was acceptable to the prophets. For instance, Abraham had two, for all practicable purposes. It was also custom for brothers to take deceased brethren's widows as their wives. The Muslims say that Western Man practices polygamy anyway; the difference being that Western Man has wives one at a time, instead of at the same time.

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SOVIET DEPICTS VATICAN AS 'SINISTER' POLITICAL FORCE IN AFRICA & ASIA. Broadcasts and reports from the Soviet Union, depicting the Vatican as a sinister force conspiring for political and economic control in Africa, Near East, Southeast Asia, and Latin America,

have increased in tempo and size in recent months.

'Literaturnaya Gazeta', organ of the USSR Union of Soviet Writers, said, for instance, that the Vatican has prepared a 'secret political plan' for a strong build-up in Africa and Southeast Asia, with the cooperation of the foreign ministries of France, Belgium, Holland, and the U.S. 'Not for a long time', declared the publication, 'has there been so much restlessness in the Vatican as at present. This restlessness is gaining an ever-stronger grip on the Catholic hierarchy. The Society of Jesus(Jesuits) - the most efficacious arm of Catholicism - has been mobilized and the most ingenious and cleverest Jesuit agents are being sent to Africa, the Near East, the Southeast Asia area, and Latin America.....enormous sums (are being spent)...to incite violence and organize reactionary unions and parties. The Vatican hatches conspiracies, causes fratricidal fighting and increases terror.....apart from the political plans, the Vatican is a shareholder in many African mines and industries and seeks to maintain its...control of the continent'.

'Nauki I Religiya' charged that Catholic missionaries in the Congo sheltered Belgian soldiers in their mission centers and monks carried arms and ammunition for Belgian units. In addition, Catholic nuns sheltered and cared for Belgian parachutists.

'Sovetakaya Rossiya' stated that,thruout the Congo, the 'Catholic clergy sided with the traitors .....Tshombe and Mobuto, and others,....and all Catholic missions became centers for propaganda hostile to the Congolese.....'

- The Vatican Radio had replied to these charges by stating that 'the Church has rejected and condemned all forms of violence...' The Vatican spokesmen also called Tshombe (who had Lumumba slain) a 'good Catholic'.

- Katanga Province, which Tshombe heads, recently expelled Archbishop Kyprianos, Greek Orthodox Primate for Central Africa. The charge against the prelate was that he had 'plotted' for the return to power of ousted Premier Lumumba. The Archbishop was also accused of having 'met with' President Nasser of the UAR. The Archbishop personally denied that the charges were true. He was expelled Feb.3rd.

- Belgian, former master of the Congo, seeks to retain her mastery 'thru' Tshombe of the Katanga Province. Roman Catholicism, synonymous with Belgian Catholic Monarchism, naturally desires to eradicate any and all'adverse' influences from her 'spheres' of influence. Eastern Orthodoxy has always been a major 'thorn-in-the-side' to Rome; to expel Archbishop Kyprianos is an act of religious bigotry and prejudice from Catholic sources. As for the 'innocent claim' by the Vatican that she never uses 'violence', one need only remember a few incidents of history: 1.Spanish Inquisition 2.St.Bartholomew Day and the Massacre of the Huguenots 3.The Hundred Year War 4.The acts of the 'Crusaders' against Orthodoxy 5.The persecution of religious minorities in Latin America and Spain 6.Persecution of the Waldenses 7.Wars against the Albigenses 8.Martyrdoms after the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes 9.Persecutions in Bohemia 10.Burning of Tyndale, Joan of Arc and others. 11.Co-conspiracy of Turks and Jesuits to destroy the Ecumenical Patriarchate and Greek Orthodoxy. (These are just a few 'acts of violence' that the Vatican says she 'abhors'.-ED.)

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LOUIS ARMSTRONG 'MISSION' TO CONGO ASSAILED. Dr.James H.Robinson, prominent Negro pastor of the Presbyterian Church of the Master in N.Y., told a Canadian meeting of the Hamilton Goodwill Africa Group,in Hamilton,Ontario, that he could have wept when the U.S.government sent trumpet player Louis Armstrong to the Congo as a goodwill ambassador.

'Don't they know there is a crisis in the Congo?' asked Dr.Robinson. 'At the cost of sending Armstrong and his band, they could have loaned Africa 20 doctors for one year'.

Dr.Robinson is director of 'Operations Crossroad'; this is a project aimed at sending college undergraduates to Africa to work on school construction and other community projects. The students work voluntarily, without compensation other than their fares. The dinner,he spoke

in Hamilton, raised $5,000 towards that end. The work of the students accomplished two ids, according to the clergyman - i.renders physical aid in establishing needed facilities sets an example to Africans, that Westerners are not averse to personal labor, even though appears to be 'beneath' their status as university students. Dr.Robinson further stated that rican students should be given native facilities, rather than importing them to America and nada for their education.

The 3rd Annual Christian Medical Conference of the Near East is set for May 3rd & 4th, 1961, in Beirut. This conference comes just before the Annual Middle East Medical Assembly. Delegates to the meetings include anyone in Christian medical work, in any capacity; this means: doctors, pharmacists, sanitarians, dentists, nurses, midwives, technicians, medical social workers, chaplains,etc. (Medical missions are the finest form of service that any Christian or Christian body can tender to under-privileged areas of the world. Proof of discipleship is more important than 'preaching'. - ED.)

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IRST 'TYPE-SET' BIBLE , IN HISTORY OF ISRAEL, COMPLETED. The first Bible, ver set in type in Israel, was completed in Jerusalem's New City; distinguished scholars eremoniously composed the letters of Verse 23, Chapter 36 of II Chronicles. (Vs.23 is the last erse in the Testament of the 39 Books, according to the Hebrew version.-ED.)

mong the participating scholars were the Minister of Education and Culture, Abba Eban; members of the faculty of the Hebrew University and Mayor Ish-Shalom.

he new Bible, to be issued soon, took three years to complete. Previous Bibles have been ade from photographic plates of the British Bible Society texts. The new text is based on an ncient Sephardic script.

- Sample passages have been recently released from the 'New English Bible', which was prepared by a joint Christian Church Commission of Britain (Roman Catholic refusing to participate). This Scripture version is being released March 14th,1961; it had a panel of 17 scholars and a literary advisory panel of an additional 8. The work consumed 13 years. A parallel effort is continuing on the Old Testament and Apocrypha. A comparison of one verse, with that of the 'Authorized Version', of 350 years ago, is here given :

It was there from the beginning; we have heard it; we have seen it with our own eyes;
That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes,
we looked upon it, and felt it with our own hands; and it is of this we tell. Our theme
which we have looked upon,and our hands have handled, of the Word of Life. (For the life
is the word of life, this life was made visible; we have seen it and bear our testimony;
was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness,
we here declare to you the eternal life which dwelt with the Father and was made visible
and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto
to us. What we have seen and heard we declare to you, so that you and we together
us). That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have
may share in a common life, that life which we share with the Father and his Son Jesus
fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus
Christ. I John 1:1-3.

Christ.

- In Israel, an interesting internal problem is also developing. This is the growth of Jewish conversions to Christianity. There are presently 700 Catholics monks and nuns in Israel

as 'missionaries'. Protestants have more than 18 organizations there, with over 1,000 employed in the work of 'conversions'. Converts have been estimated to be between 3,000 and 6,000 since Israel was founded. The main reason given for this is economic; the poorest immigrants are being given excellent relief and aid by the Christians, as well as the high calibre schools rendering exemplary aid to these neglected peoples. Thus, one can say that the 'conversions' are primarily due to the fact that the poorest of these peop are just plain 'at the end of their rope' and come in desperation. - ED.

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ROMAN HIERARCH LASHES OUT AT INDIA'S 'FAMILY PLANNING' PROGRAM. Valerian Cardinal Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay, strongly attacked the 'family planning' prog gram of the India government; his chief objection hinged on the use of artificial birth control methods.

The India government, which is one of the most tolerant and liberal in the world, is one of the few that has adopted an official policy of encouraging 'family planning' thru such means. In the last decade, some 2,500 family planning clinics have been established in Indian cities and villages. Thru these 'centers', contraceptives are supplied free to the poor and at low rates to the lower middle classes. Sterilization of both men and women is also an important phase of the government's program; the government gives financial payments to all who voluntarily submit to sterilization.

Religiously speaking, neither the scriptures of Hinduism or Islam condemn or prohibit birth control; nor do the vast majority of the Hindu or Muslim divines oppose it. (The birth rate in India is, presently, twice the death rate - this, in a country that has 420 millions and is the second most populated nation in the world.- ED.)

- A revision of India's 90-year old 'Divorce Act' is presently being revised; as usual, the Roman hierarchs are attacking it, also, with great vigor. (Catholics represent only 1+% of India's population, but the hierarchs feel the other 98+% should do what they want.-ED The revisions of the Act call for the widening of 'grounds' for divorce, from the sole 'ground' of adultery, to include such basis as: i.virulent or incurable disease(e.g.-leprosy or 'v.d.') ii.willful refusal to consummate marriage iii.desertion without cause for a period of 3 years. iv.cruelty.

- India, unlike Roman Catholic dominated lands, is offering to provide suitable building sites for places of worship,to any and all religious groups that apply for them, in the country's new industrial areas.

- In South India, Roman Catholic bishops in Madras State issued an order to Catholics to not vote for the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam political party in the coming election. This DMK party is the main opponent of Nehru's Congress Party, in that area of India. The main attraction that DMK has for the voters is that it is opposed to the caste system.(Inasmuch as Rome rules thru 'divide and conquer', perhaps she fears dissolution of the caste system in a country where 'equality' might open people's eyes.-ED.) In order to further discredit DMK, the Roman bishops stressed 'parrot-like' the usual maxim that perhaps the leaders of DMK were Communist fellow-travelers.(There is a Communist Party in India and it also has candidates for public office. Discrediting an opponent by terming him a 'fellow-traveler' has long been a Roman tactic; it was most recently seen in the U.S. under the late Senator McCarthy.-ED.)

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CATHOLIC HIERARCHY REJECTS TRUJILLO BID FOR CHURCH 'RECOGNITION'. The Roman Catholic hierarchy of the Dominican Republic declined, late last month, to honor a government request to give Generalissimo Rafael Leonidas Trujillo y Molina the title of 'Benefactor of the Catholic Church'.

The request had been made in January, by President Joaquin Balaguer. This was after the Generalissimo had made a visit to Higuey, 'the holy ground of the Dominican Republic'; at

t time, Bishop Pepen y Soliman of la Altagracia had given an address in which he had given ect reference to the Generalissimo in these words: 'your profession of the Christian faith to be seen in the magnificent temples you have caused to be built to the honor and glory of d'. In still another reference to the 'gifts and favors' acknowledged to have been received the Church, Bishops Beras, Polenco Brito, Panal Ramirez, Reilly, and Pepen stated in iting that the Church had received much from the Generalissimo. ('much' has been said to an close to $30,000,000, over the years.-ED.)

- The only question here involved is what does 'benefactor' mean. The dictionary says it means 'one who confers a benefaction, benefit, or benefits'. A 'benefit' is defined as a 'gift', 'pecuniary help..or...advantage', and 'whatever promotes welfare'. Yet to be answered is: Is $30,000,000 a 'pecuniary advantage in promoting welfare'? If so, then does the donor become a 'benefactor'? Apparently, an additional qualification, to become such a 'benefactor', has not been included in the definition; namely - a 'benefactor' must, apparently, be also a 'docile and obedient servant'. - ED.

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STRO 'PRIMED' TO 'TAKE-OVER' CATHOLIC SCHOOLS. Premier Castro, last nth, issued a warning that the government of Cuba is prepared to take 'whatever measures e necessary' to 'eradicate from our fatherland the sowers of traitors, the sowers of counter-volution'. This declaration was taken as a specific basis for a government 'take-over' of e country's Catholic schools.

e Premier told assembled crowds in Havana that 'falangist priests still reign in the church hools, inculcating counter-revolution in the youth.....deforming the minds of the youths..... omoting hatred.....' To face the problem, he declared, the revolution will not hesitate in nfronting the Pharisees to take whatever steps are necessary'. The Premier also charged at the church fees, collected for burials, are 'immoral and humilitating, an injust and cruel hecure'.

- The middle of February, an electro-mechanical training center, owned by the Jesuits, was seized by the government of Cuba. The seizure followed the above address by two days. The government, when making the seizure, announced that the Jesuits had been secretly 'stripping' the training center of various 'motors and pieces'.

- Recent observers, back from Cuba, state that nearly 90% of the people are behind the present government. The statement has also been made that Communists don't attend the Churches; yet, it is reported that Castro's son actively attends a Methodist Sunday School.

- The same observers have mentioned that it is most interesting that, in the Western World, Communism seems to flourish best, and gain most adherents, in those lands that are predominantly Roman Catholic (e.g.-Italy, Poland, France, and Cuba). It is only natural to ask 'why'? The answer in Cuba, it has been said, is because the Church failed to recruit a native priesthood; it failed to minister to the poor; it aided the 'privileged' classes; it has failed to 'bear witness' to past evils. - ED.

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THIOPIAN COPTIC CATHEDRAL RECONSECRATED IN JERUSALEM. Impressive es marked the reconsecration of the Ethiopian Coptic Orthodox Cathedral of St. Mary in rusalem. The Cathedral had been recently restored after having been damaged in the war the Israeli's in 1948.

shop Philippos, of Jerusalem and the Holy Land, officiated, along with Abbot Jabra Mariam and hers of the monastic community. Also present was the Ethiopian consul general, representing mperor Haile Selassie, officials of the Israeli government, and Ethiopian students at the local ebrew University.

shop Philippos had just returned from Ethiopia, where he had spent some time with his close iend, the Emperor; the principal purpose of the visit was to examine into the situation in the

Coptic Church, following the abortive coup that had been attempted against the Lion of Judah.

- Noted for its great dome, which is one of Jerusalem's landmarks, St. Mary's was built over 70 years ago by the Ethiopian Emperors John and Menelik I. Cost of the recent repa was chiefly underwritten by the Ethiopian government, altho certain contributions did co from the Israel War Risk Insurance program.(Actually, Israel should have paid for the c plete work, inasmuch as they were the 'land-holders' of the 'newly-formed' country, and hence responsible for complete War Risks. If, by chance, any damage should occur to a Israel property, thru a foreign power, it is well known that Israel would demand 'comple indemnity. This is an apparent case of a 'minority' body being imposed on by the State.-

- In 1947, a delegation of Ethiopian dignitaries called on the late Patriarch Timothy of Jeru lem to present a gift of the golden crown of Memen, Queen of Queens, to the Grotto of t Nativity of Bethlehem. The Queen, while in exile with the Emperor during the Italian occ pation of their Kingdom, had made a sacred promise that she would make this gift as so as the Royal Family was restored to the Throne.

- Emperor Selassie has invited the United Presbyterian Church of the U.S.A. to direct a pilot, medical program in Illubabur Province, western Ethiopia. He also granted them l for seven 'tribal areas' mission work. In his own words, he said: I am 'pleased with the work your mission is doing...and....grateful for what you have done in Ethiopia'. A new, 20-bed hospital will be staffed by Ethiopians, with two American doctors and two nurses being provided: an American public-health physician will also be secured for the area. At present, 47 Presbyterian missionaries serve in Ethiopia. In addition, a Wisconsin Presb terian Church has just donated the 'jet-propelled boat' that President Eisenhower had o inally planned to give Premier Khrushchev, before cancelling his Moscow trip last May. The congregation purchased the boat for $3,200. It is 19 feet long, with a 185-horsepowe engine; having a speed of 15 mph, the craft operates in water only two inches deep. This is an advantage in Ethiopian mission work, because rivers there are often only a few in ches deep.

- Ethiopia has just signed a contract with the Lutheran World Federation for the operatio of the newly planned Church Radio Station in Addis Ababa. Full-scale broadcasts will n begin before 1962; programs will be beamed to all parts of Africa, the Near East and southern Asia. The cost of establishing the station will run to about one million dollars.

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FIRST BAHA'I TEMPLE IN AFRICA DEDICATED. Followers of the Baha'i faith fro Africa, Europe, Asia, and North America attended the dedication of the first Baha'i temple Africa; the site of the temple is on Kikaya Hill, Kampala, Uganda.

The house of worship stands 127 feet high and is built of reinforced concrete with a nine-sid dome: situated on 23 acres of land, the temple has nine flights of stairs, of five steps each that lead upwards,from the surrounding 30 feet of lawn, to nine separate doors.

Open to all people of any race or religion, the temple is intended to be the center of a group buildings dedicated to social, humanitarian, educational, scientific, and spiritual aspects of

The Baha'i faith, founded in Persia in the middle of the last century, has spread to 256 land In Uganda, membership is made up of many Africans, as well as members of other races.

- The Baha'i also have temples under erection in Sydney, Australia, and in Germany. Th latter temple will be the first one established in Europe. - ED.

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JORDAN WEIGHS PLANS TO GIVE DUTCH 'EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS' TO 'SCROLLS'. Jordan Education Minister Sheikh Shankeeti has tentatively accepted a plan to give 'exclusi rights' to an 'unnamed Dutch scientific institution' to study and publish the Dead Sea Scrolls which are housed at the Palestine Museum in Jerusalem.

The plan involves 'payment' of some $56,000, and is conditioned on the scrolls remaining i

country as the property of the Jordan government. The Palestine Museum (Old City) was nded with funds from the Rockefeller Foundation in New York, following the discovery of scrolls in 1947 near a cave close to Jericho.

s believed that the Old Testament Institute (Vitus Testamentum) of Leyden University in land, which has been quite active in Jordan archeological activities, is the 'unnamed' body.

Work on the Jordan 'scrolls' has been very slow in recent years. The present 'team', that is working on the scrolls, is headed by a Roman Catholic priest, Father Roland de Vaux, O.P. The chief complaint of this 'team' has been that they have 'poor coordination and lack of funds'.

Of interest in Jordan, also, is the proposed law, ordered by King Hussein, that will guarantee the immunity and protection of the Holy Places in that country. This was announced by Premier Talhouni, while on a visit to Bethlehem; while there, he was welcomed by the Mayor, Ayyoub Mousallam, who is an Orthodox. The Mayor petitioned the Premier, at that time, to see if the government wouldn't carry out needed improvements at Manger Square, which is a focal center for thousands of pilgrims that visit the Church of the Nativity.

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JOHN'S CITADEL RESTORATION, IN EPHESUS, CONTINUES SLOWLY. A substan- amount of excavation, as well as much restoration on the site of the ancient citadel, which s erected over the tomb of St.John, has taken place in the last year. Conducted by the Amern Society of Ephesus (Lima, Ohio), the restoration of this 6th century Basilica of St.John is ultimate goal of the Society.

e tomb of St.John is said to be located under the ruins of the sanctuary, where, beneath eral crypts, some of the remains of the old St.John's Church were found which antedated rebuilding by Emperor Constantine in the 3rd century A.D. Graves, more than 2,000 years , have been discovered near the tomb. The original walls of these, as well as of the crypt, e been restored; eventually they will be re-surfaced with marble. The staircase to the pt has also been restored. The four great bases, that upheld the columns of the huge ola in the Basilica, have been located, reinforced,and partially restored.

Ephesus, originally a harbor on the western coast of Asia Minor, was an opulent city, renowned as a seat of many pagan rites and cults. Today, it is known as 'Ayasaluk', and is but a village. In the days of St.Paul, it was the scene of worship of the goddess Diana; the temple of Diana was tremendous - 425 feet by 220 feet, with a roof sustained by 127 columns, sixty feet high. In the Christian era, the city had St.Paul, as the founder of the Church (along with Priscilla and Aquila); Timothy was its bishop; St.John was its glory(it is said he may have composed his Gospel there). Apollos first preached there. The 3rd Ecumenical Council convened there to define the doctrine of the Church against Nestorius. - ED.

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NG HONORS SEVEN GREEK ORTHODOX HIERARCHS. Seven Greek Orthodox Metroitans were awarded the Grand Cross of the Order of King George for their outstanding ser- es to the Greek Orthodox Church. The honor was conferred personally by the King.

eiving the award from King Paul were Metropolitans Gregory of Halkis, Ioakim of Alexanupolis, Antonios of Xanthi, Epiphanios of Thyra, Timothy of Moronea, Titos of Paramithea, Chrysostom of Karystea.

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ZANTINE ART EXHIBITION SCHEDULED FOR ATHENS. The first International hibition of Byzantine Art ever held in Athens has been set for May, 1963. The exhibit will in the Zappeion Hall.

itled 'Byzantine Art and Europe', the exhibition is being planned under the auspices of the

Council of Europe. The organizing committee includes architects, professors, civic, governmental, and museum experts. An international advisory committee, to be appointed soon, will consist of leading Greek and foreign experts and scholars.

The organizing committee will contact foreign museums, monasteries, and private collectors to arrange for the loan of Byzantine works. Arrangements will also be made to have copies produced of Byzantine mosaics, frescoes, and icons that cannot be loaned. A catalogue will be produced in three languages.

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ARCHBISHOP IAKOVOS CONFERS WITH ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH. Recent talks, that Patriarch Athenagoras has had with heads of the Anglican Church, Russian Church, and Greek Orthodox Church, have been hailed as furthering the cause of Christian union by 'Djumhuriet' Turkish daily of Istanbul. The paper also carried an interview it held with Archbishop Iakov of New York, who was in the city to confer with the Patriarch.

In the interview, Archbishop Iakovos reaffirmed the strong stand of himself and the Patriarch towards church union. Asked particularly concerning the attitude of the Russian Patriarch Alexei to the same subject, the archbishop said 'I have personally come into contact with Ale and I know he favors union, but for political reasons he cannot express the desire'.

Asked to clarify this thought, Archbishop Iakovos said that the Roman Catholics are such 'gre enemies of Communists', that, in turn, 'Communists are great enemies of the Catholics'.

'Altho it is said that the Russian Church is independent of the State', he continued, 'yet the Church is under the control of the Communist regime. We can't press the Russian Orthodox Church to be included in the group of Churches working for union. If they wish, they can be united with us, otherwise let them remain outside the union'.

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EAST BERLIN ORTHODOX EXARCH TOURING WEST GERMANY. Bishop Johann Wendland, Russian Orthodox Exarch for Germany and Central Europe, was received in Hanno by Lutheran Bishop Hanns Lilje, chairman of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ger many.

Bishop Wendland, who has his seat in East Berlin, is touring West Germany to visit Russian Orthodox congregations and establish rapport with the regional Evangelical Churches.

Appointed last July, the Exarch represents the Moscow Patriarchate. His jurisdiction covers Scandinavia, Finland, Austria, and Southern Europe.

In line with the Christian Unity movement, the bishop has participated in 'ecumenical service with Protestant parishes, as well as attending the 2nd meeting of the Conference of European Churches at Nyborgstrand, last October: he is presently a member of the five-man presidium of that body.

- In Bavaria, the City Council of Traunreut, has been engaged in a hassle with the local Lutheran officials over an inscription that appears on the city hall. The inscription says 'If there is a faith that can remove mountains, it is the faith in one's own strength'.(This is from the writings of Marie von Ebner-Eschenbach, 19th century Austrian poet) The chief objection of the clergy is two-fold: i.that it parodies Christ's words ii.that histor has just shown that idolizing of one's own strength has 'created a desert of rubble and debris'. (The struggle, between exercise of Man's strength and the strength of the Creat is not new to the world. It is actually the essence of the problem of life and all change. E the life exhibited by Church leaders, thruout the centuries, cynicism of poets has been a natural reaction against hypocrisy. If the Church would exhibit the perfect life, the sloga would vanish automatically.- ED.)

TRIARCH ALEXEI HONORED IN JERUSALEM. Greek Orthodox Patriarch Benediktos erusalem officiated at celebrations honoring Patriarch Alexei, head of the Russian Orthodox rch, on his nameday, the feast of St. Alexei.

ompanied by several archbishops and prelates, Patriarch Benediktos came from his resi- ce in the Old City to celebrate the Divine Liturgy at the festively decorated Russian Ortho- Trinity Cathedral in the New City.

isted by Archimandrite Augustin, head of the Russian Orthodox mission in Israel, and a ber of other Greek,Russian and Arab priests, the Patriarch gave his blessing to the gath- g, which included Soviet Ambassador Bodrov, many Yugoslav,Greek, and Western diplo- s. Russian nuns, from a choir enclosure, rendered the responses during the Liturgy.

The Jerusalem Patriarchate has jurisdiction over some 10,000 Orthodox in Jordan, and over another 40,000 in Israel. There are three dioceses; 22 convents and monasteries; and some 40 schools on the village level. The Patriarchate issues a publication 'Nea Sion'.

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W CONSTITUTION APPROVED FOR ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CRETE. A new stitution for the semi-autonomous Greek Orthodox Church of Crete was approved in Athens he Greek Parliament.

charter was drafted with the cooperation of the Ecumenical Patriarchate in Istanbul, the te Church, and the Greek Ministry of Cults.

rge Voyadjis, Greek minister for cults, said the constitution 'will regulate subjects related hurch and State, as well as other problems concerning administrative matters of church perty in Crete'.

also explained that, hereafter, Crete bishops will be elected by the Church's Holy Synod on island, instead of by the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

hope', Mr. Voyadjis added, 'that under the approved charter both laymen and clergy of the te Church will closely cooperate in the spirit of the teachings of Christ for the greater spir- l and moral elevation of the heroic island.'

The Ecumenical Patriarchate of Istanbul has jurisdiction over some 103,000 Orthodox in Turkey; 170,000 Orthodox, divided among four dioceses in the Dodecanese Islands; all of Greeks in the 'diaspora'; and a number of other Churches that have a semi-autonomous status(e.g.-Church of Finland). The Church of Crete, with 7 dioceses, has also been semi-autonomous in character. The privilege, under the new constitution, of electing their own bishops, is one less string of authority attaching them to Istanbul, altho, spiritually, the Cretan Church has deep ties with the ancient Patriarchate and probably always will.

As Crete, politically, is part of Greece, it naturally falls under the laws of that domain. Thus, we find the Greek Parliament approving the Constitution, in cooperation with all of the interested parties thereto. The Church of Greece, which is the State Orthodox Church, does not interfere with the jurisdictions of other Orthodox bodies or hierarchs. The Church of Greece embraces the mainland believers, to the number of some 7,500,000; it is presided over by the Assembly of Archbishops, with the Archbishop of Athens as president. There are 66 Metropolitanates; 6,967 priests; 6,947 churches; 244 monasteries, with 2,293 monks and religious; there are two Institutes of Theology.

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THOLIC AUTHORITIES CONDEMN STERILIZATION AS 'IMMORAL'. Roman Catholic horities in Germany have condemned sterilization as 'immoral'. The issue was raised into blic view due to reports that a Hannover physician had sterilized more than 1,000 women in last 15 years, at their request and with consent of their husbands.

ries concerning the acts of Dr. Axel Dohrn, chief surgeon at Grossburgwedel Hospital, near

RELIGIOUS REMARKABLES - - - By Scheel

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WAS REMODELED
INTO A CHURCH
AT WARREN, MICH.

THE REV. WALTER S. ROBINSON,
ASSOCIATE PASTOR
OF THE DECATUR, GA.,
FIRST METHODIST CHURCH,
STILL PLAYS GOLF AT 90
AND REPORTS HE CAN
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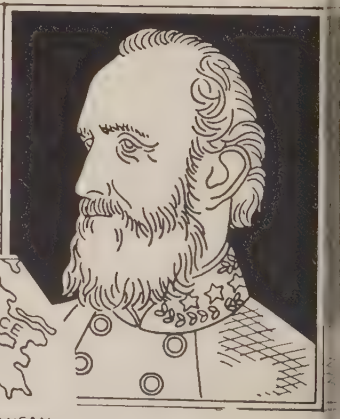
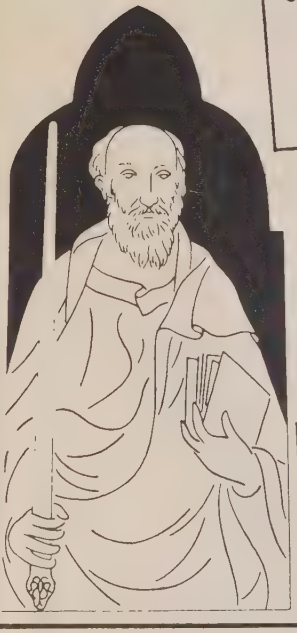
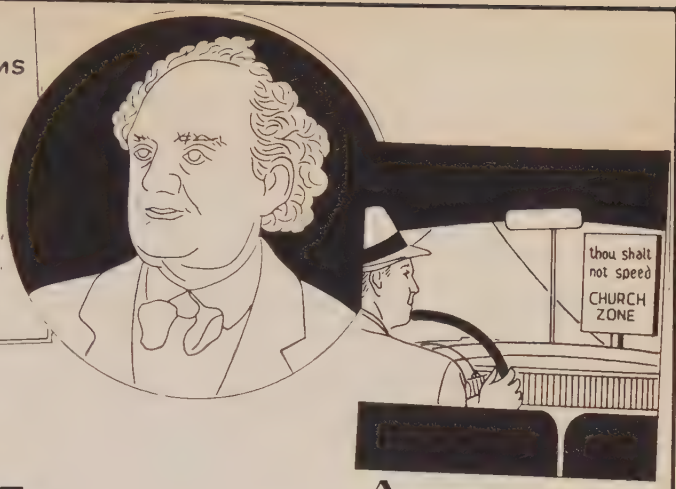


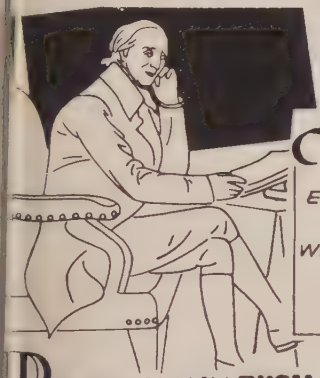


THE APOSTLE PAUL
LEFT SUCH AN IMPRESSION
ON THE ISLAND OF MALTA
DURING HIS VISIT 1900 YEARS AGO
THAT EVEN TODAY
HALF OF THE MALE RESIDENTS
OF THE ISLAND
ARE NAMED PAUL.

P.T. BARNUM
USED RELIGIOUS TERMS TO ADVERTISE HIS CIRCUS.
HIPPOPOTAMUS WAS CALLED "BEHEMOTH OF HOLY WRIT;"
THE INDIAN ZEBU, "SACRED COW;"
THE CAMEL, SHIP OF THE DESERT;"
THE WATER BUFFALO, "OX THAT TREADS ON THE CORN."



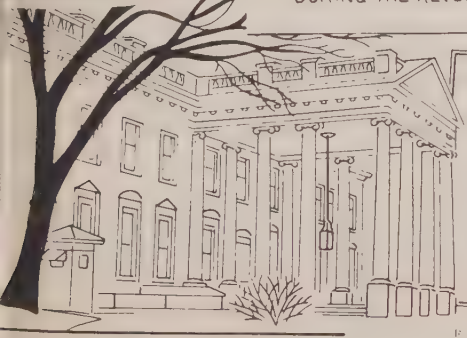
A HIGHWAY SIGN NEAR THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, BAITING HOLLOW, N.Y., SAYS, "THOU SHALT NOT SPEED."



The TULIPS FREQUENTLY USED ON EARLY AMERICAN STONEWARE HAD A RELIGIOUS MEANING. WHEN THREE WERE USED, THEY SYMBOLIZED THE HOLY TRINITY.

DR. BENJAMIN RUSH, COSIGNER OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, IN 1791 FOUNDED THE FIRST DAY SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY-- FIRST NONSECTARIAN SUNDAY SCHOOL IN AMERICA.

The FIRST MORAVIAN CHURCH OF NEW YORK, ORGANIZED IN 1748, WAS THE ONLY CONGREGATION ON MANHATTAN ISLAND WHOSE SERVICES WERE UNINTERRUPTED DURING THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR.



TWENTY-ONE OF THE THIRTY-FOUR PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES WERE GIVEN BIBLICAL NAMES.

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Hannover, have received widespread attention because of the ethical, moral, and legal questions involved.

Legal proceedings had been commenced, by Hannover authorities, but were quickly dropped after preliminary investigation revealed he had abided within the law. (The German law punishes sterilization acts only if they are done against the will of the individual concerned, or if the operation is done with the purpose of violating 'good morals'.

Several Catholic papers had attacked the act of sterilization, under any conditions, as being a 'Church-prohibited' mutilation of the body and against nature.

- Such operations are quite standard in the U.S., also, under common consent of both husband and wife, who have good reason for asking for same. - ED.

- The Roman hierarchs carefully refrained, as did the Catholics papers, from mentioning that 'castration' and 'sterilization' have been known to be practiced 'within' the 'sanctum sanctorum' of their own Church; for instance, Schaff-Herzog mentions that the men, who sing soprano in the Sistine Chapel at Rome, are 'eunuchs'. Monastics and important figures have been known to fall in the same category, within the Church. Roman 'Orders' have been reported to have even 'forcibly' sterilized young candidates to keep them from returning to the 'world outside'. - ED.

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BISHOP PROTESTS 'LAY ADMINISTRATION' OF SACRAMENTS. Orthodox Bishop Wasilije of Banjaluka has issued a pastoral letter condemning the administration of sacraments by laymen because of a shortage of priests in the Orthodox Churches of Bosnia.

News agency, KIPA, disclosed that laymen, acting without permission of church authorities, had administered Holy Communion, presided at baptisms, heard confessions, performed liturgical ceremonies, and recited the prayers of the Church at sick beds and at funerals.

Bishop Wasilije assured members of the diocese that priests would be assigned to churches in the near future to clear up the dilemna.

- Lay administration of baptism; saying of prayers beside a sick person or at a funeral; performing certain qualified liturgical ceremonies; and hearing of the confession of a friend or stricken person; all of these fall within normal, emergency bounds of non-clergy. Administration of Holy Communion, of course, would be impossible, in Orthodoxy, without a properly ordained clergyman. The bishop should not condemn the laity for their 'acts of necessity'; he should condemn himself for short-sightedness in failing to supply the need. - ED.

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ORTHODOX METROPOLITAN OF POLISH CHURCH DIES. Metropolitan Makarius of Warsaw, Poland, 78-year old head of the Orthodox Church in Poland, died after a long illness at the Black Sea Port of Odessa. He had been hospitalized there for medical treatment.

Estimated to embrace some 100,000 followers, the Polish Orthodox Church has an independent status, but is in communion with the Russian Orthodox Church.

Formerly head of Lwow, Archbishop Makarius became head of the Polish Church in 1952. This was four years after Metropolitan Dionisus Waledysnki, the former head, was deposed from office by Russian occupation authorities and placed under house arrest at Sosnowiec,Silesia. Metropolitan Dionisus was released from Soviet detention last December and returned to his homeland.

Roman Catholic authorities had blamed Metropolitan Makarius with having spearheaded the liquidation of the Uniate Churches of Ruthenia and the Ukraine in 1946 and 1947. When he was

alled as head of the Polish Church, the Vatican Radio described him as 'a trusted man of Kremlin puppet, Patriarch Alexei.' The reference was to Patriarch Alexei, supreme head ne Russian Orthodox Church.

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IET ARTISTS REBUKED FOR PAINTING RELIGIOUS IKONS. Two young painters n Alma-Ata, Kazakhstan, were sharply criticized by the official organ of the Soviet Ministry ulture for 'combining civil service jobs with religious activity'.

magazine, Soviet Culture, said that the artists, Vladimir Vasilieyv and Victor Emelyanov, e employed as cartoonists by a humor magazine, but spent time at home painting religious as.

e most disgusting fact is', said the magazine, 'they were given an education on the State's ney - an education which they used for selfish purposes'.

magazine also condemned a soloist, Jacob Tur, of the civic opera, who sang Saturday and day in a local Cathedral. The publication said the trio 'repented', but nevertheless contin- in their religious activities 'for which they had been well paid'. 'Soviet Culture' further ed that the trio would not have been rebuked if they had been religious believers, but that r case was a 'typical example of a businesslike approach to religion'.

DOMESTIC

UNDAY OF ORTHODOXY' COMMEMORATED FEBRUARY 26th. Thruout the country, l the world, the member bodies of the Eastern Orthodox Faith, commemorated the 1,174th nsecutive 'Sunday of Orthodoxy'. The observance dates from the 7th Ecumenical Council of caea in 787 A.D., when the veneration of icons as representations of holy events and people s restored. The Sunday of Orthodoxy traditionally is celebrated on the First Sunday of the eat Fast of Orthodoxy, which began, this year, on February 20th. (Easter, according to the thodox Calendar, falls on April 9th, 1961 - one week later than the Latin usage.-ED.)

New York, Archbishop Iakovos(Greek Archdiocese) officiated at Holy Trinity Cathedral, ere he made it quite clear, in his message, that Orthodoxy will never refuse to participate ecumenical dialogues. In his words: 'We shall always be faithful to Orthodoxy, while being thful to the brotherly relations we must have with other churches. We shall not be guilty of clusiveness or isolationism'. He also called for greater effort to achieve 'Pan-Orthodox ity' among the various ethnic Orthodox Churches.

e Orthodox prelate was not alone in his call for a 'unified Orthodox Church', as a similar ll was once again issued by Princess Ileana of Romania, who lives in exile in the U.S. with r husband and children. The Princess, who is a fervent communicant, and zealous worker Orthodoxy, is the youngest daughter of the late King Ferdinand and Queen Marie of Rom- ia - she married the Archduke Anton of Austria: the couple have six children. Speaking fore a Council of United Church Women, Lynn,Mass., the Princess said, in part, 'We, the pple of Hellenic, Romanian, Russian, and all other Orthodox ancestry must work for our stern Orthodox faith here in America'.

In Athens, Prof.Basil Ioannides of the Theological Faculty of Athens University, said that the Orthodox Church must assume a more active role in working for a united Church, and that the time has come when the Church must abandon its 'fragmentation'. He also

pointed out that,as long ago as 1920, the Ecumenical Patriarch had invited all Christian bodies to form a 'League of Churches', to be modelled after the League of Nations.

- Fasting in Orthodoxy, by tradition, is not capable of the definition of 'doing without meat'. Actually, there are shades of differentiation in methods of 'fasting'; for instance: four differentiations can be mentioned - i.Fast (not eating anything) ii.Abstinence (not eating meat) iii.Dry Fast (not eating fats or by-products of warm-blooded animals) iv.Raw Fast (eating of uncooked foods,only). In addition to 'types' of fasting, one has the traditions dealing with 'times' to fast; besides the Four Great Fast periods of the year (those of Easter, Nativity, Assumption, SS Peter & Paul), there are various Feast Day Fasts (e.g.-Beheading of S.John Baptist and Exal. of the Holy Cross); next, there are Fasts of Vigils (e.g.-Christmas and Epiphany); then, also, one must remember the traditional Wednesday and Friday fast days. Such strictness, however, was instituted for a pastoral type of life; not for the bustle of the modern world. The 'rules', regarding such things,one must remember, were composed by 'monastics', who led a ruminative, contemplative life. As Jesus said, the most important elements in 'fasting', were to do it 'in secret', so the Father could reward openly; to not make 'fanfare' of it, like the Pharisee; and to be wary of 'what came out of the mouth', not what went into it. - ED.

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PROGRESS OF HOLY CROSS THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL IS NOTED. As the second semester of the Greek Orthodox Theological School opened, late last month, a note of progress was sounded by the executive board.

Following a two-day visit to the School by Archbishop Iakovos, the executive board, headed by Bishop Meletios, appointed two committees to prepare curriculums for the School, as well as for the proposed college division. In addition, the names of three new faculty members were announced for the School (Father Haloftis for homiletics and penitential theology; Father Stephanou for apologetics and symbolics; and Father Garmatis for New Testament history and catechism.) The newly adopted revision of by-laws was also announced.

- Since its founding in 1937, the Theological School has graduated 249 students; 213 of these are serving as ordained priests in the Archdiocese (there are a total of 390 priests within the jurisdiction.-ED.). The original curriculum has also grown, over the years, to where at present, a student may receive the Bachelor of Arts Degree, after four years in the College(courses in Greek and English), and the Bachelor of Divinity, after four years in the Theological School(courses in Greek). Many new buildings have also been erected, including a Library and Auditorium. - ED.

- The GOYA(Greek Orthodox Youth America) Chapel Fund for the 'Memorial Chapel' to be built at the Theological School has now reached the total of some $120,000. The edifice is supposed to cost about $150,000, but, as is the case with 'estimated costs', it may run as high as a quarter million, before all is said and done. The design of the chapel is being done by Stuart Thompson of New York, a leading Byzantine architect in America; it will be patterned after the 10th century Byzantine Church of the Holy Apostles in Athens. (GOYA has some 150 chapters in North America;it holds annual Int'l. Conferences - the Tenth such Conference is set for Aug.25th-Sept.1st,1961 at New York's Statler Hotel - to deal with religious,social, and cultural elements common to their heritage. The motto for the forthcoming Conference is 'Lord, teach Me to Pray'.

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NEW SENATE RESOLUTION ON ORTHODOXY INTRODUCED BY SENATOR CASE. Senator Case (R-N.J.) once again has shown lack of all bigotry, as well as all elements of fair play, by introducing a resolution on the U.S.Senate Floor, Feb. 16th,1961, in which he, along with Senator Keating (R-N.Y.) and Senator Pell (D-R.I.), has called for 'designation of the Eastern Orthodox churches as Major Faith in the United States.....along with the three Major Faiths already designated....for such....public recognition'.

In the Senator's words: 'The Eastern Orthodox churches, by universal agreement, constitute

of the major divisions of world-wide Christianity. The Eastern Orthodox family is surpas- in membership by only four great non-Christian religions of the world - Moslem, Hindu, fucian, and Buddhist. Among the world's Christian faiths, it is third in membership.'

Federal Agencies. along with many State and local agencies, fail to even credit Orthodoxy as being 'in existence'. Such a resolution, if passed by 'non-discriminating' legislators, would prove that democracy and freedom of religion exists in the legislative and governmental processes. It is interesting to note that the present Senate has 13 Roman Catholics, 12 of whom are Democrats, yet one never finds them coming 'actively' to the support of Orthodoxy, which they claim to be their great 'sister church'; is this hypocrisy? The other stalwart supporters of Orthodoxy in the Senate have always been Senators Dirksen (R-Ill.) and Kefauver (D-Tenn.). Out of all these supporters, only two are Democrats and none are Roman Catholics. The question should be asked of the Catholic Senators: Is the Church restricting them and keeping them from 'recognizing' Orthodoxy, because of fear of a 'rival' gaining ground in America? If not, then why don't they actively support the Resolution of Senator Case?

Over the years, great effort has been put forth by various Orthodox spokesmen, both lay and cleric, to achieve equal recognition and break-down the '2nd-class citizenship' status imposed on Eastern Orthodox peoples, by the leaders of the other Three Major Faiths. One of the leaders in this movement has been Peter N. Chumbris; he was born of Greek parents from Arcadia, Greece, and has served as Ass't. State Attorney of New Mexico. Later, he served as associate counsel on Juvenile Delinquency(U.S.Senate sub-committee), where he became a close friend of the late Senator Langer. He was then shifted to being counsel for the U.S.Senate Sub-committee on Anti-trust and Monopoly. In his work for Orthodoxy, he is most active as Supreme Counsellor of The Greek-American Progressive Ass'n.; his other channels of interest are in the 'Voice of Greek Orthodoxy' and in the 'Pan-Arcadian Federation', as well as in the 'American Hellenic Congress'. Thru his zealous efforts, much has been done to awaken the 'public mind' to the existence of Orthodoxy. In addition, his constant letter-writing and publicity-releases on the 'educating' of the American Press, Radio, and TV medias, as well as many private,civic, and public agencies, to the role of Orthodoxy in the U.S. and in the world, has been monumental. He deserves, as perhaps no other single Orthodox-American does, recognition for his efforts. AREO suggests that the various Orthodox jurisdictions recognize, thru appropriate resolutions, the work of this man.(He can be addressed % American Hellenic Congress, 4200 Cathedral Avenue,N.W., Wash.D.C. - ED.)

To mention a few of the 'agencies' that ignore the existence of Eastern Orthodoxy: The American Red Cross; U.S.O.; B'nai B'rith; White House Conference on Youth; Associated Press; National Ass'n. of Manufacturers(Clergy Advisory Council,2 E.48th St.N.Y.); Religious Heritage of America,Inc.(Milw.,Wis.); U.P.I.; A.B.C.(especially bigoted, as compared to the fairness of NBC & CBS.-ED.) An example, for instance, of the prejudice of so-called 'columnists' is shown in the following story. - ED.

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LITICAL NEWSMEN CRITICIZED FOR HANDLING OF CAMPAIGN 'RELIGIOUS ISSUE'

e president of the Religious Newswriters' Ass'n., Richard Philbrick of the Chicago Tribune, rged that 'political' newsmen had handled the 'religious issue', in last year's presidential mpaign, improperly.

eaking at a Lutheran public relations 'workshop', he said last year's campaign produced nocking, overwhelming evidence that the churches must improve their public relations..... cause.....few of the political reporters, columnists, and commentators even bothered to ssect the so-called religious issue and discover its true identity.....obviously, their sense of ty, their understanding of journalistic ethics, does not extend to religious matters.....many the political writers and commentators.....do not like religion.....they rain kicks on Protestism.....(but)....did not pick on Roman Catholicism because they saw it .....as the image of power structure....and...were fearful of being kicked in return'. He said that the clergy must atch for errors....for unfair tactics and make certain every clergyman and layman within nge is notified of the shortcoming'. He then told the 'workshop' that letters should be rained

on the offender, not with charges of condemning him of 'intent to deceive', but 'pinpointing the error so the writer or broadcaster need not be wrong again'.

- All church groups should establish 'watchdog' committees to report and act on any and all offenders that abuse the truth on Radio, TV, Newspapers, etc. and write them to clarify the issue at hand. - ED.

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FCC PROPOSES 'RULE' TO ENCOURAGE MORE RELIGIOUS BROADCASTS. In an action that may encourage more religious programming, the Federal Communications Commission proposed a rule to require Radio and TV station owners, upon making application for periodic license renewals, to show what they have done 'to meet community desires and needs' in both religious broadcasts and other public service programs.

To accomplish this end, the FCC would require each broadcaster to submit a description of the area he serves, including its religious, business, educational and other local groups. He would also have to estimate the needs and interests of the area being served, to describe how this estimate was ascertained and 'how complaints are handled'.

The information would also have to include facts about 'opportunities afforded community expression' and how open discussion of 'controversial issues of public importance' had been dealt with; lastly, broadcasters would have to state if they followed any 'code of broadcasting ethics' and whether they maintained any 'advertising standards'.

- The FCC recently issued a strong warning to WPHB, Philipsburg, Pa., against engaging in attacks on religious groups, with which the station's owner found personal disagreement. The owner issued an 'Address of Apology' and the FCC placed the station on a limited 1 month license extension, subject to review in April, 1962.

- In Johnstown, Pa., the Eastern Orthodox Faith was finally able to break-thru the 'Microphone Curtain' of discrimination and achieve recognition as a Major Faith in local TV and Radio Broadcasts over WARD-TV and WARD Radio. The program, known as the 'Clergyman's Study' had formerly been restricted only to Protestants, Catholics, and Jews. Now, the Four Faiths are being given equal representation on a rotating weekly basis. The Very Rev. John Yurcisin is acting as moderator for the Orthodox appearance he is diocesan chancellor and cathedral dean in Johnstown for the Carpatho-Russian Orthodox jurisdiction. - ED.

- Orthodox priests, in various localities thruout the U.S. must assume their rightful stature and place in society: wherever broadcasting, or other medias, are discriminating against giving Orthodoxy equal opportunity of expression, action should be taken immediately to insure that the defect is corrected. Letters should be directed to the Station management; if no response is elicited within a reasonable time, a letter should be sent to the FCC, Wash.D.C., with a copy going to the Station management. In this fashion, the offenders will be brought into public light and proper correction made. - ED.

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POLISH NATIONAL CATHOLIC CHURCH HONORS LATE PRIMATE. On the occasion of the 8th anniversary of the death of the late Prime Bishop Francis Hodur, the clergy and people of the Polish National Catholic Churches of America, Canada, and Poland paid honor to his memory.

Bishop Hodur passed away on Feb.16th, 1953, at Scranton, Pa., after a half century of service to the hundreds of parishes, and thousands of faithful, that he saw formed into the Church.

Born April 1, 1866, near Krakow, Poland, Francis Hodur came to America and enrolled in St. Vincent's Roman Catholic Seminary in Betty, Pa. He was ordained as a Roman priest on Aug. 13, 1897 by Bishop O'Hara. On March 14, 1897 he came to Scranton, Pa., where he formed the

ongregation of the independent Church, later to be known, world-wide, as the Polish al Catholic Church. He was consecrated Bishop of the P.N.C. Sept. 29,1907 at Utrecht, d, by Archbishop Gerard Gull and Bishops Van Thiel and Spitz of the Old Catholic Church. he was designated as the Primate of the P.N.C., in which capacity he remained until his

ne P.N.C. was actually formed as a result of the oppressive tactics,employed by the oman priests, against the mass of the poor people, who faithfully tried to freely develop dividual freedom, whilst still endeavoring to follow the dictates of the Church. The con-ict that resulted led to the breach or schism, that is leading masses of spiritually hungry olish, and Polish-Americans, to the saving spirit of their own, independent, National, atholic Church. - ED.

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ATOR DESCRIBES INAUGURAL PRAYERS AS 'POMPOUS'. A Missouri educator, .Clark Ellzey of Stephens College, Columbia,Mo., in an address before the National l of Churches' Division of Christian Education, described the prayers of the four relig-eaders, at Mr. Kennedy's televised inaugural ceremony, as savoring of 'pomposity'.

d their prayers 'set dynamic religion back 50 years ...'. In essence, he said, they were g but 'religious campaign speeches disguised as prayer'. In addition, he added, the true, , and meaningful commitment .....was 'weighted down by ecclesiastical pomposity and s jousting for superiority.'

he combined time taken, for the four prayers, was longer than the time consumed in the auguration address of Mr. Kennedy. - ED.

ean Francis B. Sayre,Jr., of the Episcopal Washington Cathedral, disclosed, last month, at he had been invited to deliver one of the inaugural prayers, but was unable to do so e to his scheduled trip to the Middle East on behalf of the U.S.Committee for Refugees. e also stated that,because he was unable to be present at the inauguration, he went to the oly Sepulchre in Jerusalem at the hour of the inauguration to offer a personal prayer in-ead. (At the inauguration, Rev.Dr.John Barclay, pastor of Vice President Johnson's urch, took Dean Sayre's place. - Dean Sayre is a grandson of President Woodrow Wil-on and son of retired ambassador Francis B. Sayre,Sr. - ED.

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT

"Yak, yak, yak . . ."

My husband is strictly non-denominational he ignores all churches equally.

ROMANIAN ORTHODOX NEWSPAPER CELEBRATES 25th ANNIVERSARY. The fir issue of 'Solia' was published on February 23, 1936; last month, the publisher (the Romania Orthodox Episcopate in America) commemorated, with a special issue, the 25th Anniversa of 'Solia'.

From the beginning, 'Solia' was meant to be a Church paper for use of the members. As su it was printed in Romanian, with an occasional article in English. Due to the growth of the generation of Romanian-Americans, an English-language Section was finally made an integr part of 'Solia' in 1950. This 'English Section' was, in 1954, placed completely at the disposa the needs of the American Romanian Orthodox Youth (AROY) - today, it is known as the A Section. Thru this media, the emphasis is placed on the work and activities of the local AR chapters, special reports from parishes, and some items from Sunday School Mothers' Cl

'Solia', however, was not the first attempt at achieving a successful Romanian Orthodox ne media. 'Tribuna Romana', 'Glasul Vremi', 'Viata Noua' all preceded 'Solia', but devoted little space to the English language needs. After a long struggle, with many adverse prob 'Solia' is, today, one of the most widely read Romanian newspapers in the country and is a to remain in the 'black'.

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RUSSIAN ORTHODOX PRIEST LECTURES ON 'RELIGION AND COMMUNISM.' Very Reverend Ivan Ladizinsky, pastor of SS Peter and Paul and St, Mary's Assumption Ru ian Orthodox Churches of Altoona and Ganister, Pa., is a strong exponent of the philosophy exposing the relationship between 'Religion and Communism'. He has delivered a number addresses, on the subject, the most recent of which was before the 'Blair County Ministeri Ass'n.', Pa.

In substance, Fr. Ladizinsky develops the basic relationship as being in 'direct opposition' one another. He cites various reasons as to the existence of this condition: i.Communism declares belief in God to be a narcotic for the masses; ii.Communism asserts that 'ultim reality' lies only 'in matter'; iii.Communism states that Man has value only as a part of collective society - be it party or state; iv.Communism demands total loyalty of the indivi who, thereby, has no loyalty to himself, to family, or to friends.

Fr. Ladizinsky then appropriately points out his views as to why Communism has been able make inroads into Christian Society: i.Churches have misunderstood the meaning of the K dom of God; (they have tried to bring in the Kingdom, without the King) ii.Churches have fa to show the believers that the principles of the Kingdom must be a part of our daily life; iii.Churches have entered the field of politics, in the name of God, instead of seeking the K (thus, creed fights creed; race fights race; group fights group).

The remedy? Fr. Ladizinsky states that the Church leaders must abandon all these former ways and seek only the Living God; they must uproot and expose dishonesty; they must teac the thought-processes of reason, with a constant effort to 'understand' the other person's viewpoint.

- Fr. Ladizinsky is an Instructor of Russian Language at Altoona Campus of Pennsylvani State University, as well as pastor of the two churches in Altoona and Ganister. Last July, his two churches celebrated their 45th anniversary; he is also an active spirit in the annual Festival of Choral Music of All Faiths in Altoona. He, however, has been th pastor of the churches only since May, 1959. - ED.

- Fr. Ladizinsky recently received a letter from Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras I; i his letter, the Patriarch extended his 'blessings' and asked Fr. Ladizinsky to kindly se to him any and all reports and thoughts of the Christian world, that deal with the 'impo tant subject of the unity of the churches', that might be found in the American press.

ME TAX A 'HEADACHE'? ANCIENTS HAD IT, TOO. Of small consolation is ct that income taxes were a big 'headache' 4,000 years ago, but, nevertheless, it is true. ajor difference,between the ancients and modern-day Americans, is in the method of nt; the ancients 'paid-off' with cattle, sheep, grain,etc. and also kept a complicated, -entry bookkeeping system,to boot.

lliam Hallo, professor of Bible and Semitic language at Hebrew Union College-Jewish ite of Religion, Cincinnati,O., has made a specialty of cuneiform studies and Sumerian eeping. Presently, he is reconstructing, in huge ledgers, the double-entry system of s, who kept their records on clay-baked cuneiform tablets of the third millennium BC, ient Sumer, the southern division of Babylonia.

these 'tax-records', the professor hopes to find new clues to religion, economy, and y of Sumer. (Sumer is the land, where Man first learned to write and figure.-ED.) His is being conducted under a grant received from the American Philosophical Society.

ory, Dr. Hallo suggests, the economy of the Sumerians was based on a rigorous alliance en 'crown and priesthood', that enabled a 'temple-centered economy' to dominate the of people and thus extract their monies.

pparently, the idea of 'crown and priesthood' is merely a philosophy that has been, in ome countries, translated into the modern terminology of 'church and state' domination. lso apparent is the fact that the 'public sleeps on', unaware of what goes on in the world round them. - ED.

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CAUTIONS CHURCHES AGAINST 'SHOWING' FILM 'OPERATION ABOLITION'. National Council of Churches has issued a 'caution' notification to all local churches of its ituent 34 Protestant and Orthodox communions against 'showing' a film called 'Operation tion', without accompanying publication of supplementary facts.

movie depicts student demonstrations protesting hearings of the House Committee on merican Activities in San Francisco last spring; it contains a 'forward' by Chairman cis E. Walter (D-Pa.) implying the demonstrations were Communist-inspired.

NCC suggests that local churches ascertain answers to basic questions: i.Are there any s of fact or interpretation included in the film? ii.What is the relationship of the House mittee to the producers of the film, if any? iii.What proven facts are there that show the nts to be 'Communist-inspired'?

Editorials in two separate Roman Catholic publications recently attacked the film in these quotes: i.'Catholic Bulletin', official organ of St.Paul Archdiocese, - film is 'patently unjust in its frequent repeated charge that opponents of (House Committee) are Communist dupes'. ii.'Oklahoma Courier', official weekly of Okla.City-Tulsa Diocese, - picture contains 'distortions so blatant and so extreme as to produce the net effect of a lie.....fails to be a true account'.

Rep. Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.), chairman of the House Un-American Committee, and a bitter critic of Protestant churchmen, just announced that he will retire from Congress next year. Recently, he assailed non-Catholic clergy and churches that dared to oppose the showing the film 'Operation Abolition'. In other years, he has attacked such non-Catholic bodies as the National Council of Churches, which he termed as 'soft' on Communism.

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HOLIC HIERARCHY MAPS OPPOSITION TO KENNEDY SCHOOL PLAN. Notice ormally served by top ranking Roman Catholic hierarchs that if Kennedy's aid-to-educa- program excludes parochial schools 'there will be no alternative but to oppose such dis-

crimination'.

The stand of the Catholic bishops was announced by Archbishop Karl J. Alter of Cincinnati, O following the spring meeting of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, of which he is chairman. The meeting was held in Washington, with five cardinals eight archbishops and bishops in attendance.

Archbishop Alter said it would be 'within the framework' of the U.S.Constitution to make long term, low-interest loans to their school systems. Kennedy said, at a Press Conference, that '...the Constitution clearly prohibits aid to....the parochial school. There is no doubt about that. There isn't any room for debate on that subject. It is prohibited by the Constitution and the Supreme Court has made that very clear. Therefore, there would be no possibility of our recommending it'. (Kennedy's plan also calls for individual 'scholarships' to students, who may choose their own college; this, therefore, he said, would not be 'aid to a particular religious group'.- ED.)

Archbishop Alter's proposed amendment to the Kennedy plan, for long-term loans to private schools, was immediately opposed by leading Protestant organizations and bodies. Among those, declaring against any use of public funds for sectarian or private schools, were the General Board of the National Council of Churches; the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; the P.O.A.U.; and the National Ass'n. of Evangelicals.

- The Very Rev. J.P.Shannon, head of St.Thomas College, St.Paul, Minn. (Roman Catholic), issued a warning that if the public school system of the nation is 'seriously compromised or weakened', the Catholic Church 'would be one of the first institutions to feel the ill effects of this unfortunate decline'. He said that the public school system 'must be strong and vigorous if American society is to survive'. He conclude by saying that Catholic complaint that they carry a 'double-tax burden' is a criticism that is 'both inaccurate and unfair'.

- Roman Catholic Bishop Fletcher of Little Rock, Ark., said he considered any type of Federal aid to education as dangerous, because of possible 'federal control' that may accompany it.

- The Roman hierarchy is well aware that their 'Catholic President' is in the limelight; to keep silence on an education bill, might be construed as 'fear of the religious issue'; the only course of action left is to try and 'create the new image' of a Catholic Church that is willing 'to fight' a legislative plan of a 'Catholic President', so that, thereby, the public might be led to think that individual Catholics are completely 'free of clerical control'. In addition, by fighting any legislation that will aid public education, they automatically can bring a 'check' on the progress of public education, so that it won't get too far ahead of their parochial system, which is in direct competition to overtake and outrun the public system. It is apparent that the vast majority of the Roman Catholic hierarchs are interested in seeing the 'down-fall' of the public system being brought-about and a vast, nation-wide, private system substituted in its place. If there is anything that can be said to be 'un-American', or 'fascist' in nature, it is this diabolical scheme. - ED.

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'TOOTHPICK CHURCHES' ARE A HOBBY. Upsel Sumner of Flint, Michigan, is a man that enjoys the hobby of constructing scale replicas of churches. Using three years time and 15,000 toothpicks, he built a scale replica of Kirtland Temple (Latter Day Saints), in his home.

A handicapped person, Mr.Sumner has built two other toothpick churches, both of which he has given away. (The story of Mr.Sumner appeared in the Feb.issue of the 'Saints' Herald'.-ED.)

The article states that the model temple is a truly painstaking job, complete to all details, including a finished interior, a bell that rings, doors that open and close, and electric lighting. The model was constructed from photos and descriptions he obtained, along with a personal visit to Kirtland, O., in 1958. Material for the model cost about $25, including toothpicks, glue, lights, and transformer. The scale is one inch to eleven feet.

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ast mission work promulgated thruout sections of Africa, especially the regions of Uganda, a, Tanganyika, and the Congo. This Orthodox mission work resulted in the baptism of some 0 natives into Orthodoxy.

The See of Alexandria was founded by St.Mark in 62 A.D. The 1st Ecumenical Council gave Alexandria the jurisdiction (6th Canon) over Egypt, Libya, & Pentapolis. Alexandria was also known as the center of the 'first Christian university' (Catechetical School), about the year 180 A.D. under Pantaenus, Clement, Origen, Heraclas, Dionysius, Didymus. As the cradle of monasticism, the great Orthodox monk, St. Anthony, of Egypt,carries the Orthodox banner of the Alexandrian Patriarchate; he is known as the 'father of all Christian monasticism'. The Patriarchate, under the guidance and zeal of these fiery 'fathers' reached its zenith in the 4th century; the 'Coptic' Church then developed and the schism depleted the Orthodox Church thru the loss of Nubia, Egypt, and Ethiopia. Later, the Arabs further contributed to the fall of its power and glory. At the beginning of the 1800's, there were only a handful of Orthodox churches in the Patriarchate; by the end of that century, however, there were nearly 150. Today, there are 11 dioceses or provinces in the Patriarchate: i.Alexandria(Cairo included) ii.Pelousion (Port Said) iii.Axum (Addis Ababa) iv. Leontopolis (Ismailia, Egypt) v.Johannesburg vi.Ermoupolis (Tanta, Egypt) vii.Nubia (Khartoum, Sudan) viii.Carthage (Tripoli, Libya) ix.Central Africa (Elizabethville,Congo) x.Eastern Africa (Dar es Salaam, Tanganyika) xi.Western Africa (Yaounde, Cameroons). The last three dioceses were only established in 1958 by the late Patriarch. The greatest area of immediate mission work, though, is in Uganda; this is under the inspired work of Father Sparta, who has revealed that nearly 20,000 converts have been made there.

The Diocese of Central Africa, which, till recently, was under the direction of Metropolitan Cyprian (he was expelled from Katanga Province by Tshombe for 'leftist' activities.-ED.), has some ten Orthodox communities; all, of which, have permanent church buildings, some of impressive size. History reveals that Orthodoxy was first planted in the Central Africa area as far back as the 6th century. History also shows that the oldest grave of a white man in Africa is in Leopoldville - by name: John Papajoglou. Accounts also tell that one Dr. Potages, of Greece, explored the Northern Congo ten years before Dr. Stanley's expedition in 1874. Both whites and blacks make-up the local communities; the whites are mainly Greeks from Cyprus and Cephalonia and number about 6,000. (Goyan had extensive coverage of the Orthodox activity in Africa in recent issues.-ED.)

Also of concern to the Patriarchate is the moving, national spirit of the Arab population. The Patriarchate is composed of two communities of people, in the Arab areas, namely: - Greeks and Arabs. The Arab communities have been actively 'pressuring' the Patriarchate to bring about an 'Arabization' of the Orthodox Church. They want the universal use of Arabic in all services; appointment of Arabic-speaking priests to all posts, hitherto held by Greek-speaking clergy; the abandonment of displaying the Greek flag in the churches, because Orthodoxy is not the State Church of the land. Inevitably, the Arab desires must be granted, even as the 'break-thru' has started in the Patriarchate of Jerusalem, for instance, where Arabs have achieved posts only formerly occupied by Greeks.-ED.

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